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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,300,000  
UNPAID CAPITAL, \$1,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman:—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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HONGKONG.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent.  
For 6 months, 4 per cent.  
For 12 months, 5 per cent.

LOCAL BRANCHES DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked "Hongkong Savings Bank Business" and forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

## Intimations.

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two and a Half Pence per Share will be payable to those Persons who are registered Shareholders on 24th July, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd to 24th July, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
EDWARD OSBORNE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 2, 1889.

### VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOKOHAMA.

THIS SCHOOL, situated in a very healthy position on the Bayside, provides good EDUCATION FOR BOYS from 8 to 17. Boarders taken. Prospectus with Office of this Paper.

G. H. HINTON, M.A., Oxon, Head Master.

## Prospectus.

THE SHARE LIST WILL CLOSE ON THE 31st August, at 3 p.m.

### THE PEAK RESIDENCES, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES, 1865 to 1886.

CAPITAL, £250,000  
Divided into 10,000 Shares of £25 each.

Payable \$5 on Application, \$10 on Allotment, and the Balance as required in Instalments of not more than \$5.

Shares taken up by the Vendors, 4,000  
Shares now offered to the Public, 6,000

Total, 10,000

Directors:  
Chairman:—JOSEPH W. NOBLE, Esq.  
\* E. JONES HUGHES, Esq.  
\* L. GORDON, Esq.  
\* F. A. DE GUZ, Esq.  
\* CHONG KAI, Esq.  
\* John after allotment.

Banks:  
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Solicitor:  
ARTHUR BERNARD RODYK, Esq.

Offices (pro tem),  
2, D'AGUIAR STREET.

## PROSPECTUS.

THIS COMPANY is formed with the object of PURCHASING BUILDING SITES in the Peak District of Hongkong and erecting thereon suitable Houses for Residential purposes.

With this object in view, Contracts have been entered into with the owners of Rural Building Lots Nos. 58, 59 and 61, and Farm Lots Nos. 60 and 62, for their purchase on behalf of the Company.

The Lots are all situated, within a few minutes walk of the Peak Terminus of the Tramway and from their unequalled position and convenience of access they form some of the most desirable sites at the Peak.

Rural Building Lots 58 and 59 contain 62,815 square feet already levelled and having three houses now in course of erection thereon; two more can be built on the remaining prepared sites, the estimated cost of the 5 houses is \$39,500.

Rural Building Lot 61 contains 32,725 square feet already levelled and prepared for building five houses with a Tennis Court, the estimated cost of the 5 houses is \$28,000, the foundations of two houses being already built.

Farm Lots 60 and 62 contain 87,250 square feet, much of it levelled for building. This property includes the Residence known as the Haystack and which is now let at \$150 per month. There are sites on these lots for 9 more houses with ample ground thereto at an estimated cost of \$80,000.

Provisional Contracts have been entered into for letting the two houses now being erected for a period of two years at \$120 per month.

The Company will thus hold twenty houses which should let on the average at \$120 per month each, and the total annual income from these estates should therefore be \$2,400 or over 12 per cent on the Capital to be expended.

The land is purchased, the house now on Farm Lots 60 and 62, at an average price of a little over 50 cents per foot, including all levelling, retaining walls, approach roads, drainage, &c., as they now stand, which is very cheap, compared with the prices paid for other less favored sites in this District.

Plans of the proposed houses have been prepared for the Company at whose Offices they may be seen and every information obtained.

The purchase money for the land is to be paid in cash \$91,500 and 9,432 Shares with \$15 paid up, the vendors thus becoming liable to meet calls as ordinary Shareholders.

The estimated cost of erecting the houses and completing the same fit for occupation according to the present plans is \$13,500 or a total of \$248,480 including all staff and working expenses.

Taking into consideration the fact that the Company's property is so near to the Tramway, has such magnificent and unbroken views of the Sea and Harbour, and the great and increasing demand for moderate priced houses at the Peak, it is confidently believed that this property offers one of the safest and most profitable investments in the Colony.

The Company has so large a margin for profit that to pay 8 per cent, the rate which can be reduced from \$120 to \$80 per month per house, so that while supplying a high class and well appointed Residence in the best locality at the Peak, the Company can compete with the smallest and cheapest houses in Victoria of the same class.

The following Contracts have been entered into:  
(1) Contract dated 17th July, 1889, between E. Jones Hughes and Arthur B. Rodyk as Trustee on behalf of the Company.

(2) Contract dated 17th July, 1889, between W. St. John Hancock and the said Arthur B. Rodyk.

(3) Contract dated 17th July, 1889, between E. L. Reuter and the said Arthur B. Rodyk.

(4) Agreement for a lease dated 17th July, 1889, between the said Arthur B. Rodyk and E. Jones Hughes.

(5) Agreement for a lease dated 17th July, 1889, between the said Arthur B. Rodyk and N. M. J. Ezra.

These contracts together with the Memorandum and Articles of Association are open for inspection at the office of the Company's Solicitor.

All allotment made the deposit will be returned without any deduction, but without interest, and where the number of Shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the excess of deposit money will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment.

Applications for Shares will be received until the 5th day of August, 1889, and must be made on the proper forms for that purpose, and forwarded to the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, together with the amount payable on application.

Prospectus and Share Forms may be had of the Bankers or at the Office.

Hongkong, July 29, 1889.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

EX STEAMSHIP GLENROY.  
CROSSE & BLAC' WELLS AND JOHN MOIR'S  
PRESERVED PROVISIONS.

JELLIES, TART FRUITS, POTTED MEATS, BLOATER-PASTE, CAVIARE, HORSE-RADISH, SAILED OIL, SALAD DRESSING, STRAWBERRIES IN SPIRIT, DESSERT FRUITS in Syrup, Brandy and Cognac, TONGUES, ANCHOVIES in Oil, SARDINES, FRENCH AND ENGLISH PATISSIES, SAUCES, VEGETABLES—HADDOKS, HERRINGS, BRUNN, SAUSAGES, Aberdeen PIE, Aberdeen SAUSAGE, &c., &c.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH JAMS, GELATINE, OATMEAL, BRAND'S ESSENCE OF BEEF, LORAIN'S EXTRACT OF MEAT, ROQUEFORT STREAKY BACON, BEST YORK HAMS, ENGLISH WHITE CHEDDAR AND GLOSTER CHEDDAR, HUNTLEY & PALMER'S AND PEEK FREAN & Co.'s BISCUITS, Peck FREAN & Co.'s PLUM CAKES, 1 and 2 lbs.

Also,  
BLACK OUT TENNIS RATS, PRICKLY HEAT SOAP FILTERS, FLOWER GLASSES COFFER MACHINES, AIR-TIGHT CASES, MENU SLATES, BOATING JERSEYS.

ENGLISH COOKING STOVES,  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 17, 1889.

### W. POWELL & Co.

NOW LANDING  
A LARGE STOCK OF  
TABLE GLASS WARE  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

SEE WINDOW.  
W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, July 27, 1889.

### Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886.

### ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

PREPARATORY TO RECEIVING OUR  
NEW AUTUMN GOODS,  
WE are offering a SELECTION of LIGHT WEIGHT COATINGS, in all Shades, SUMMER SUITINGS and TROUSERS, at very much Reduced Prices.

SUITS, from \$10.00 to \$15.00.  
COATS, from \$5.00 to \$10.00.  
PANTS, from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),  
Hongkong, July 10, 1889.

### Intimations.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £1,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP, £1,000,000

Board of Directors.  
J. S. PURDON, Esq. (Chairman), of Messrs. MATLAND & Co.  
H. H. HARRIS, Esq., of Messrs. ALFRED DREW & Co.  
E. J. HOGG, Esq., of Messrs. HOGG & Co.  
JOHN WATSON, Esq., Manager of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.

A. G. WOOD, Esq., of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Bankers.  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

LOANS made on MORTGAGE on LAND, BUILDINGS, &c.  
PROPERTIES bought and sold.  
ESTATES managed and all kinds of LAND AGENT and COMMISSION BUSINESS conducted.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Shanghai, July 19, 1889.

### THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Disposal of Unallotted Shares.

NOTICE is hereby given that 1,144 UNALLOTTED SHARES of £30 each in the above Company, numbered from 13,867 to 20,000 both Numbers inclusive, are offered for PUBLIC TENDER upon the following Conditions:

The Company shall not be bound to accept the highest or any Tender.

The above Shares will not be entitled to participate in any Dividend that may be declared on the working year ended 30th June 1889, but subsequent to declaration of such Dividend, will rank as Ordinary Shares in the Company, carrying the same Dividends.

All Tenders to be accompanied by a Cheque equal in amount to \$10 for each Share applied for.

Tenders to be addressed to the GENERAL MANAGERS of the Company, and sent into the Office of the Company not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of August, when they will be opened. Applications to be made on printed Forms which can be obtained from the GENERAL MANAGERS, and when sent in must be sealed and marked outside "Tender for Company Shares."

If no Allotment be made to any applicant, his Deposit Money will be returned to him in full, but without interest, and where the Number of Shares allotted to any applicant is less than the Number applied for by him, the surplus of Deposit Money will be credited in reduction of the balance payable on his Allotment.

The General Principle will be followed of Allotment pro rata to highest Tenders.

Dated Hongkong, 18th July, 1889.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

## Business Notices.

### THE HALL & HOLTZ

CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

JUST OPENED OUT A NEW STOCK of LINEN COLLARS, comprising ALL THE LATEST LONDON SHAPES, THE "RAN REMO," THE "CANVES," THE "STUART," THE "MILL," THE "TITZWILLIAM," THE "GRAFTON," THE "PORTLAND," &c., &c., &c.

LINEN SHIRT FRONTS, with Stand up COLLARS.  
LINEN SHIRT FRONTS, with Turn down COLLARS.  
CEYLON FLANNEL SHIRTS, in all sizes.

SILK TENNIS SQUARES, SILK TENNIS SASHES, TENNIS BELTS.  
COLORED BORDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.  
HEMSTITCHED CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, &c., &c., &c.

HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.  
Hongkong, July 19, 1889.

### Intimations.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & Co., Ltd.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of SIX PER CENT. per Share will be Payable to the REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS in the Office of the above Company on 31st July, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th to 29th July, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. F. LEON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 26, 1889.

### STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

FOR the Greater Convenience of the Public, AN ARRANGEMENT is now completed for the Office of the Company to remain open until Midnight and during SUNDAYS, where LAUNCHES can be obtained upon Application to the CONTRACTOR who is in Charge.

LAUNCHES always kept under Steam of Peddler's Wharf, and are at the Service of the Public for proceeding to and from any Vessel in Harbour.

SCALE OF CHARGES.  
Day Service. Night Service.  
For 1st hour, \$3 \$2  
For 2nd hour \$2 \$1  
For every subsequent hour, \$1 \$0.50

Rates for PRINCE, SHOOTING, FISHING, PRIVATE PARTIES, TOWING VESSELS and CARGO BOATS, for EXCURSIONS to MACAO, CANTON, or other places may be arranged at the Company's Office, 1, Peddler's Street, Praya.

A. G. GORDON, Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 17, 1889.

### THE SONGEI KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with the Articles of Association and Prospectus of the above Company, SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a CALL of \$10 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) a SHARE, is Payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 16th day of August next.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, July 15, 1889.

### WANTED.

A BOOK-KEEPER AND ASSISTANT.  
A EUROPEAN is required for BORNEO in former Capacity, and a PORTUGUESE OFFICE ASSISTANT, with some knowledge of ACCOUNTS in English.

Apply, with References, by Letter, to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, The China Bank Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, July 9, 1889.

### THE SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS can now obtain, on application to the Undersigned, SHARE CERTIFICATES in Exchange for SCRIP CERTIFICATES for the THREE Instalments.

If a SHAREHOLDER desires more than One Certificate for the Shares standing in his Name, he should inform the Undersigned not later than the 30th September, 1889, of the Number of Certificates required, and the Number of Shares to be included in each Certificate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Shanghai, 18th July, 1889.

### NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association, the GENERAL MANAGERS have This Day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on the paid up Capital.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be issued to SHAREHOLDERS on the 2nd Proximo, and the Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Instant to the 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, July 17, 1889.

### Intimations.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE.

THE First Ordinary MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on TUESDAY, the 30th July, 1889, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th July, 1889, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
A. G. GORDON, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 13, 1889.

## Shipping.

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Captain ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1889.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Co.'s Steamship "Andromeda," Captain GATES, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 28th Instant.

Passengers for Europe desiring to proceed OVERLAND, on application to the Undersigned, have their Tickets endorsed for surrender at Algiers in exchange for Coupon Tickets to Marseilles (by Transatlantic Company's express boats), and thence to Paris or London. Algeirs is 28 hours steam from Marseilles, and thence to London occupies about the same time.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, July 23, 1889.

### STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Adriatic," Captain GATES, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, 30th Instant, at Daylight.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, July 19, 1889.

### EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship "Westminster," Captain GATES, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1889.

### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship "Kwangtung," Captain SELLAR, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1889.

### FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Port Caroline," Captain SELLAR, will be despatched for the above Port about the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, July 12, 1889.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.  
The Co.'s Steamship "Westminster," Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, July 23, 1889.

### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.  
The Steamship "Heron," Captain DOWNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on the 1st Proximo.

For Freight or Passage,







Equally, r. rain, s. snow, t. thunder, v. visibility,  
w. dew (wet).



## GOLD FIELDS OF SIAM (LIMITED).

With reference to the Gold Fields of Siam Co., Limited, (Siam Times) from M. Sig, of Bangkok, now on his way to Europe, that the prospects of the company are considered bright, the only steady point being the labour question, as great difficulty is experienced in obtaining a plentiful supply of coolies. The company's concessions cover about thirty-six to forty square miles on a slope about two hundred and some odd feet above the level of the sea. As we have mentioned before, in this ground there are numerous pits that have been worked by the natives for over a century, but during the last few years these pits have been abandoned. The cause of abandonment is scarcely known; it may have been due to the frequent sickness of the coolies, or the cause may be assigned to the dangers arising from the many landslides following every heavy downfall of rain. These pits extend over sixteen square miles of ground, and at the present time the working is delayed owing to the lack of water. To overcome this difficulty the company intend making a tributary of the river which is about eight miles away, so as to run the water right into the place where it is required. This operation, although looking to be formidable, will only entail an outlay of about 2000 or say 4,000 dollars. The survey for this work will be finished in a very short time, when this important step will at once be commenced. The pits are all said to be rich in gold, in fact the country in nearly every spot is said to bear traces of this valuable mineral. A rich gold-bearing river, running fairly straight in N. and S. direction, has been discovered on the slope. At the present time the company have coolies at work damming the river in its deepest place in order that it may be ascertained whether or not it would pay to work it for gold. As far as

they have gone now, gold has been found in payable quantities, but about three weeks will see the portion of the company's operations concluded. When the survey is finished and the water is brought on the alluvial ground, the working of this alone is expected to be sufficient to bring to the shareholders a good return on their outlay. The difficulty is with the labour. The company have now about 250 coolies at work, but none of them can be depended upon to remain. Siamese and Laos coolies are preferred on account of their being more accustomed to the climate than the Chinese. There is one of the latest American (five) stamps on the ground awaiting labour for erection, and we are given to understand that sixty more head of stamps have been ordered. The present anticipations about the shares are largely based on the expected report regarding the washings of the embanked river.

We believe, but this is not from M. Sig, that the coolies have an incontinent habit of dying.

Next day our contemporary writes:—With regard to the statements in yesterday's paper regarding the Siam Goldfields (Limited), M. Sig points out that our reporter erred in describing the former workings as having been abandoned some years ago. The workings are of the ancient type, and their abandonment dates back more than 150 years ago. M. Sig says that the health of the coolies employed is good, and that there have been no deaths for many months.

## BRITISH NORTH BORNEO NEWS.

(B. N. B. Herald, 1st July.)

The weather this year has been a little disappointing to the tobacco planters. On the East Coast we understand that it was intended to make July the planting month.

and operations were delayed in consequence. It is now found out that December is the best month. In the middle of the year, rain interfered there with planting work. Each district apparently has its own rainfall peculiarities as we are now beginning to understand. Planters should recognize this, and should take measures to be in time. Unfortunately, sometimes this knowledge comes too late, and the closing of the first German Borneo Company and the Chinese Sulu Company's estates is almost entirely due to this.

A Roman Catholic priest will shortly be stationed at Labuan, a want much felt by the faithful in that colony, and should Father Jackson carry out his present plan, he will also make Labuan his headquarters and begin his dearly cherished work there—the opening of a training College for native youth.

We understand that the German Borneo Company have decided upon closing their Tobacco Estate at Sulu, and that Mr. Meyerink is leaving. The operations of this Company at Sulu have been attended with the usual difficulties of a new and isolated enterprise, and the venture cannot have been a success. The coolies difficultly was never satisfactorily overcome, and it would appear that the coolies themselves had decided what steps to take to settle that matter, as they lately burnt down two tobacco sheds containing crops and, it is said, intended to murder Mr. Meyerink, if he attempted to murder them. The assistance given by the Spanish authorities is negative; they do not wish to be bothered, and the presence of a German Tobacco Company, the national suggestion of a visit of a German naval officer, a pleasant break in the otherwise calm, uneventful life of the Commandant and his subordinate officers. Captain Schuck is

dead, Mr. Meyerink is leaving, and the Spanish authorities can now congratulate themselves on having the island to themselves, as a portion of it is contained in the walls of their fort, while the remainder is occupied by the lawless Sulu. A lovely island, from its own extinct volcano can look down on meadow lands and fruit gardens, and can scarcely realize that the only outcome of native prodigal richness has been lawlessness, piracy and murder.

We note that the export of timber continues slowly, if slowly. We ourselves observed some logs floating out of the Bay only lately.

We learn from a report made by the Land Officer that the surveys of some 150 miles of river have been completed showing allotments of sold lands to the extent of 215,000 acres.

News has been received in Darvel Bay from the new Chinese miners now working on the Upper Segama. They had reached the river safely by Mr. Skeritt's track, and sent back their Malay guide to a fresh supply of stores from Siam. Their messenger stated their health to be satisfactory, and that before he left them they had succeeded in finding small quantities of gold of a fairly character. The contractor has finished twenty miles of the track, and has undertaken to improve it and make clearings for pasturing stock animals at intervals of five miles.

As some misapprehension seems to exist, judging from recent paragraphs in the Herald as to our distance from the track between China and Australia, I may state that from the most careful measurements it would seem that vessels using the Sibutu Straits in the passage between those two points would save within 55 miles of Sandakan. This was the way the Tropic used to count in the old days, and this is the way the Chinese went last month. If the

fine steamers of this line could be persuaded to use this route more frequently, calling at Sandakan on their way, it would be a good thing for the country, as business would soon spring up between us and Australia, which, with its growing population, will be our main market in years to come, I believe. Meanwhile one of the advantages of the present contract with the blue funnel steamer is that if there are a lot of passengers waiting in Hongkong, one of these Australian steamers will be told off to call on her way down, as was the case the other day when the *Ching-tu* came in.

To The Deaf.—A Person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any Person who applies to Nicholson, 21, Bedford Square, London, W. C., England.

Scorr's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is a combination of two most valuable remedies, in a palatable and easily digested form, having great healing and strengthening properties, most valuable in Consumption and wasting diseases. Read the following:—I have found Scott's Emulsion of great benefit in the treatment of phthisical and scrofulous diseases. It is extremely palatable and does not upset the stomach, thus removing the chief difficulty experienced in the administration of this class of remedies. I, F. K. K. L.R.C.S., Surgeon, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. Any Chemist can supply it. Watson & Co. (Ld.), Agents in Hongkong and China.

THE RATE CONVENTION.—Colonel D. G. Anderson, Capt. Lucy and Mr. T. Brown returned yesterday by the s.s. *Sri Puri* from Victoria, where they had been attending the 10th inst., having crossed over the Peninsula via Raub. The object of the tour was to visit the tract of land recently acquired at that place by the Australian Syndicate of which Mr. Brown is a member. The party have returned fit and well and have much enjoyed the journey. As Raub Mr. Sifton, another member of the Syndicate, was found in charge; he was joined by Mr. D'Almeida, who went up to Raub along with the party. Mr. Brown has brought back with him 14 bags of stone, a soft slate, thickly veined with gold-bearing quartz, and the slate itself also auriferous. There is altogether about 5 cwt. of the rock, and we have personally inspected some of the rock taken at random from the bags. The black slate has a coarse appearance and a number of pieces were rinsed in water to see what the result would be. In almost every one of the scores of pieces looked at gold was visible, several pieces being very fine indeed. After these were inspected the quartz sand and slate dust lying at the bottom of the basin in which the pieces were dipped for the purpose of cleansing them, was washed out and the result was remarkably good. It was a very high proportion of gold to the exceedingly small amount of debris, less than a couple of table spoons, deposited in the basin. This rough washing may be seen at this office. It should be said that the samples brought down are not picked and sorted, the best stones have been already selected to be retained or given away, so that the average gold yield of the whole parcel would be of course considerably less than if these specially good pieces had been kept with other samples. Notwithstanding this, there is no question but that the rest of the stuff will pan out good enough for anything. Raub will do.

## To Let.

TO LET.

3-STORY HOUSES, Nos. 37 & 43, WING LUNG, RENTS MODERATE. Apply to YEE HING, No. 5, Wanchai.

Hongkong, July 16, 1889. 1385

## To Let.

TO LET.

2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 64, and 6th, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, July 1, 1889. 1287

## To Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS IN "COLLEGE CHAMBER," No. 9, SYMINGTON TERRACE, No. 4, SYMINGTON TERRACE, from 1st June, WESTBOURNE VILLAS, NORTH, Water and Gas laid on, Garden and Tennis court.

At MAGAZINE GAP, "TWO ROOMS," A Very Comfortable and very Cool 5-ROOMED HOUSE, with TENNIS COURT, &c. From 1st September. Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, July 8, 1889. 832

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HOUSE No. 2, "SMITH'S VILLAS," Magazine Gap, a spacious Five-Roomed House, with Basement and Out-house. Excellent view. Expected to be ready 1st August next. Apply to F. BLACKHEAD & Co., Hongkong, July 2, 1889. 1284

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Hongkong, May 21, 1889. 147

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Hongkong, March 30, 1889. 602

## Notice.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHEASTERN PORTS AND LONDON.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of July, 1889, at 11 p.m., the Company's S.S. *DRESDEN*, Capt. F. K. K., with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPOILS, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 10 a.m. Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m. Special rates of freight will be sent on the 31st July, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 8, 1889. 1383

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ON THURSDAY, the 1st August, 1889, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *DUMERIL*, Commandant YAGNIER, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPOILS, and CARGO, will leave this port for the above places.

Cargo and Spoils will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Special rates of freight will be sent on the 31st July, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, July 19, 1889. 1407

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